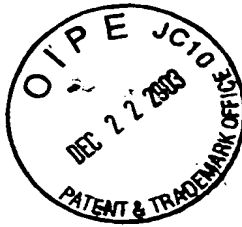


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In re application of: **Anand R. BAICHWAL et al.**  
Serial No.: 09/676,376  
Filed: September 29, 2000  
For: **SUSTAINED RELEASE MATRIX SYSTEMS FOR HIGHLY SOLUBLE DRUGS**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Petition For Extension Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136** in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established.
- ☐ Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27.
- ☐ No fee for additional claims is required.
- ☐ A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:

- ☐ Also transmitted herewith are:
  - ☐ Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (in duplicate)
  - ☐ Other:

- ☐ Check(s) in the amount of **\$0.00** is/are attached to cover:
  - ☐ Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16
  - ☐ Petition fee for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
  - ☐ Other:

- ☒ The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

- ☒ Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by check submitted herewith.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
- ☒ Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.

  
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